

# CHRISTOPHER RHYS BROWN

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## CURRICULUM DEVELOPER | TRAINER | PROFESSOR

With over many years in education, I have a wide variety of experience, with a special focus on experiential and service based learning as well as teacher training and coaching. I have taught middle school, high school, undergraduate and graduate level college students and have experience in program administration. I have been a founding member of three different schools and have taught and developed education programs in several other countries. With my many years in education I have experience recruiting, developing and coaching teachers along with students from many different backgrounds.

## CORE COMPETENCIES

Curriculum Design and Development | Teachers Coaching and Training | Program Management | Budgeting | Strategic Planning | Staff Development | Classroom and Web-Based Delivery | Program Evaluation | Experiential and Service Learning | Authentic Assessment | Cooperative Learning Methodology | ELL | Diverse Learners

## EDUCATION

### University of Sydney, Australia Sydney

- Master of Education – Curriculum & Instruction

### Bush Educators Fellow - Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota

- Education Leadership and Reform

### University of Minnesota

- Graduate Program Coursework: International Development and Curriculum

### University of South Pacific, Suva, Fiji - U.S. Peace Corps, Kiribati

- ESL Teacher Certification: Cross-Cultural Teacher Training

### Bemidji State University

- BS Degree in Secondary Education: Social Studies / History - MN Secondary License
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Beyond the Walls Education - Minneapolis, MN

2002 - Present

#### Founder - Curriculum Development Consultant

- Education consultant focused on developing curricula for schools that incorporates experience, service, community engagement, environmental education and diversity into the academic curriculum.
- Develop curricula that incorporate state standards as well as integrating literacy and arts into all learning situations.
- Services include staff development, climate change workshops, developing school gardens, writing curriculum, program evaluation, advising in curriculum implementation and development of engaging learning activities.

### Augsburg College - Minneapolis, MN

2003 - 2015

#### Professor / Field Experience Coordinator / Charter School Liaison / Student Teacher Supervisor

- Taught the following courses: Orientation to Education in an Urban Setting; 6 - 12 Methods for Social Studies; School and Society – Philosophy of Education.
- Advised undergraduate and graduate students.
- Developed and managed the Field Experience program coordinating relationships with many metro area schools.
- Created and managed authorizing related activities for the Charter School Authorization program;
- Organized and taught summer cultures program for visiting Chinese students.
- Co led trip to Guatemala with 18 students.

### University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

#### Adjunct Student Teacher Supervisor

- Supervised two student teachers each semester in the St. Louis Park school district.

## **Uni-World Language College and School - Sydney, Australia**

### **ELL Teacher and Curriculum Development Specialist**

- Designed and implemented experiential learning curriculum for English Language Learners who had recently arrived in Australia from People Republic of China.
- Responsibilities included curriculum design, implementation and assessment for English language learning, assisting in the preparation for the International English Language Test, and daily instruction.

## **Learning Adventures Middle School - St. Paul, MN**

### **Founder / Director / Teacher**

- The Director and founding member of a small innovative charter middle school based on the Expeditionary Learning Outward Bound principals.
- Responsibilities included: curriculum development and implementation, community outreach and relations, budget management, personnel/teacher management, records management with state, calendar and schedule development,
- Coordinated fieldwork activities, leading wilderness outings,
- Taught interdisciplinary social studies, physical education and language arts.

## **St. Paul Public Schools – St. Paul MN**

### **Design Consultant for Cross Winds Middle School**

- Coordinated research/development team in the design and implementation of a new, year round middle school.
- Responsibilities included curriculum and assessment research, design creation, and coordination of superintendents from seven cooperating school districts.
- The school opened in the fall of 1998 as Inter-district Arts and Science Middle School.

## **Institute for Education and Advocacy - Minneapolis, MN**

### **Director of School for New Americans / Lincoln International**

- Founder and Director of a contract alternative high school for non-English speaking refugees and immigrants.
- Designed and implemented school concept, hired and supervised teaching and support staff, led curriculum development team, student recruitment, managed relationships between Minneapolis Public Schools, IEA and other cooperating organizations.

### **Director of Gateway to English**

- A work focused ESL program for adult refugees and immigrants receiving public assistance. Developed program concept, hired and supervised teachers and a job coach, oversaw curriculum and evaluation tools.
- Reported regularly to the State of Minnesota and the Federal Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.

### **Director of Study Connections**

- A cross-cultural peer-tutoring program for refugee and immigrant students.
- The service-learning program operated in five urban Twin Cities high schools and utilized cooperative learning methodology. Responsible for hiring and supervising teachers, overseeing curriculum development and program evaluation.
- Maintained relations with participating schools, school districts, private and public funding sources while maintaining records and authoring reports for funding agencies.

## **United States Peace Corps, Kiribati, South Pacific**

### **Director - Community Development Center**

- Trained youth in academic and vocational skills; developed curriculum, identified, hired and trained local teachers;
- Maintained relations between island council and the sponsoring organization;
- Coordinated community development meetings;
- Obtained USAID funding installing 40 well pumps improving local water supply;
- Developed and implemented training program for new volunteers;

## **Benilde-St. Margaret's High School - St. Louis Park, MN**

### **Teacher/ Coach**

- Secondary Social Studies Teacher for grades 9-12.
- Subjects taught included: American History, European and Asian History, World History, Political Science, Philosophy, Current Affairs, Psychology, and Sociology.
- Extra Curricular duties included; Girls Swim Team coach, Ski team coach, Junior Class Advisor, Mock Trial coordinator.

## **CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS**

Ongoing workshops addressing global warming issues and climate change refugees

- *Workshops were designed for middle, high school and adult audiences 2014*

Augsburg College Education Awareness

- *“Implicit Bias and Impact On Students’ Success” 2013*

Minnesota Council of Social Studies

- *Workshop: “Connecting Family History To Make History Real” 2011*

Augsburg College Faculty Development Retreat – Led weekend workshop

- *“Connecting To The Land – Exploring the Impact of Aldo Leopold” 2008*

Minnesota Association of Charter Schools

- *“Why Sponsorship Matters” 2005*
- *“Developing Responsible Sponsorship Guidelines” 2004*

Minnesota Association of Alternative Programs, Rochester MN

- *“Incorporating Standards in Experiential Learning” 2003*

Sydney University Faculty of Education

- *“Charter Schools in America” 2002*

Association of Experiential Education - St. Paul, MN

- *“Experience and Academics” 2002*

National Charter School Conference - Washington DC

- *“Performance Pay Systems” 2000*
- *“Creating an Annual Report” 2000*

Expeditionary Learning Outward Bound - Cincinnati, OH

- *“Struggles of Starting with ELOB” 1999*

Minnesota ESL Conference - St. Paul, MN

- *“Service Learning and Language Acquisition” 1995*

Minnesota ESL Conference - Brooklyn Park, MN

- *“Cross Cultural Peer Tutoring” 1994*

## **ADDITIONAL EDUCATION, RELATED ACTIVITIES, AND MEMBERSHIPS**

Toastmasters – Vice President of Public Relations, 2016 - 2017

Board member and chair of Minnesota Association of Charter Schools, 2012 - 2015

Member of Minnesota Association of Social Studies, 2008 - 2014

Marcy Arts Partnership Board Member, 2008 - 2009

Member of National Middle School Association, 2005 - 2013

Member of National Youth Leadership Council

Volunteer building and developing a rural school in northern Thailand

Member of National Council for Social Studies